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# DOVER'S GOT TALENT, LET'S SHOW IT OFF

## Mother and daughter appeal for a new showcase

LOCAL talent is not being given the chance to flourish, according to a Dover singer.

Ebony Johnson, from Buckland, says there are gifted people in the district struggling to get themselves heard through lack of opportunities.

The 21 year old, a former member of the Blackfish Academy, has been singing since she was nine, but has so far been unable to break into the Dover music scene.

She said: "When town centre management was up and running I used to sing at events around Dover.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

"David Somers who worked there organised opportunities for me such as getting me to sing at the Jazz Jamboree in Pencaster Gardens.

"But now there's no one to help with that sort of thing."

Ebony, a teaching assistant from Archers Court School, has been performing in public since her early teens, travelling as far as the United States.

She said: "I'd love to start out performing in Dover and if it goes further

than that, great. But singing at venues around here is my first goal. I want to be a well-known Dover performer."

As well as singing in the USA with Astor College for the Arts, Ebony has also performed in Belgium and France. She has now signed up for the Open Mic UK auditions in August, which has a number of personalities on the judging panel, including former Atomic Kitten Liz McClarnen, Steps star Lee Latchford-Evans and former Radio One DJ and music producer

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## FROM THE HEART

Ebony Johnson, from Buckland, is leading the call to see more opportunities for Dover's singers, musicians and artists. Her mum Sandra said: "There are a lot of talented people in the town but nobody to help them out into the public eye."

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# Paying back in spades adds to community pride and skills

■ BY MARIJKE COX

OFFENDERS carrying out community service in River have been praised during an open day at Crabble corn mill.

Visitors were given a tour to see the work the offenders have carried out over the past three years.

The aim was to show people the benefits of the payback scheme as well as helping to integrate offenders more within the community.

The group of lads, who have been helping to restore the attraction, have become so involved in the project that manger Ant Reid has welcomed some of them back to continue voluntary work.

He said: "They work so well together and are proud of what they have achieved, like the renovation of the miller's cottages and helping to install the hydro system.

"A few of them have finished their community service but came back to finish off the jobs they were doing."

Alan Dive, community payback supervisor, also praised the lads, whose work led to Kent Probation receiving a national Butler Trust Community Payback environmental award.

He said: "A lot of their work involves problem solving as well as manual work.

"They have to figure things out for themselves and work as a team and they learn skills from each other which they can then use when they leave here. They're proud of what they've achieved."

Kent Probation's chief officer



**GO WITH THE FLOW:** A community service worker at rejuvenated Crabble Corn Mill

Sarah Billiad said the initiative helps the offenders – who are there for low-level criminal offences – get back into a working routine and has saved the struggling tourist attraction £15,000.

She said: "It provides work experience for the team. It's a great project which they can really get involved in, making their own decisions and using skills they can later use once their service is completed.

"This is really good for the community. I think it is better that awareness is raised and that is helped with the hi-visibility jackets they have to wear.

"Some of the offenders get embarrassed that people know why they are here and that can only be a good thing in making sure they don't offend again."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Big plans for carnival

PLANS are in hand for the biggest carnival Aylesham has ever seen.

A funfair and fireworks display are being arranged to coincide with the parade, as well as a fete in Market Square. The event will be on Saturday, September 12, with entry forms now available.

And villagers with carnival memorabilia are being invited to loan items for a display on past parades.

For more information, phone carnival association chairman Alan Watson on 07747 887143.

## Booze stripped away

DOVER District Community Safety Partnership is cracking down on underage drinking with new alcohol testing strips.

The strips show the presence of booze mixed with soft drinks.

Police and PCSOs will be able to check that youngsters are not drinking alcohol by hiding it in soft drinks bottles.

Community safety manager Christopher Allen said: "This project is one of a number of initiatives being introduced to combat the harm caused by alcohol."

## Ferries to the berries

SEAFRANCE is offering customers the chance to hop across the Channel for a French strawberry festival.

The village of Samer, just a short drive from Calais, holds a festival every year to celebrate the harvest.

Visitors can check out the strawberry markets, take part in a bike tour around the fields and get involved in a petanque championship.

Visit [www.ville-samer.fr](http://www.ville-samer.fr) for details. Click on [www.seafrance.com](http://www.seafrance.com) to book a crossing to Calais.

## Hearing aid aftercare

A FREE aftercare clinic is being held for hearing aid users in Aylesham.

Advisors from charity Hi Kent will be at Snowdown Court, Market Place, on Friday, from 10am-11am.

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# Art keeps it real with help from townsfolk

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A NEW art space is being created at Centurion House in Dover as part of an ongoing project to improve the look of the town.

The building is undergoing work by artist Jonathan Wright with the help of Edda Venusia Jones, who has already unveiled her contribution to the Dover Pride project Dover Visuals.

Skateboarders, dock workers and school children all helped her create innovative art slogans, which are on display on hoardings at the Russell Street construction site.

She said: "This is not about glazing over what Dover really is or trying to show it as something that it's not. It's about keeping it real and opening people's minds to what is here."

According to Edda, each slogan represents a slice of Dover, with the word incorporated into the art – Get Dover It, MinD Over Matter, The World Over and Not GlosseD Over.

Members of Age Concern, pupils of the Step Up School of Dance, workers from Dover Harbour Board, and skateboarders and BMX riders at Pencester Gardens all helped on the project.

Edda said: "One of the most interesting parts of this process was finding out what the community thinks about Dover and what changes they would make."

Aside from the hoarding art, empty shops are getting an artistic makeover from Jonathan Wright to try to tidy up the town and The



ART FOR ALL: Paul Watkins with (from left) Edda Venusia Jones, Sarah Lang and programme director Anne Knight

Centurion House Box Gallery will be officially opened on Monday. Members of the community are being invited to display their work at the venue.

The main aim behind the project, according to Dover Pride vice-chairman Paul Watkins, is to prevent Dover looking run down.

He said art on the hoardings in Russell Street is to show people regeneration in the area is moving forward.

"These slogans have been placed by a development site to let people know that things are happening here," he said.

"Empty shop fronts are being used too, although we need more landlords to get involved

in this. It's all part of the regeneration of Dover and the Cultural Olympiad. We hope this will help with the campaign to get the Olympic torch through Dover as well as improving the look of the town."

The idea behind the project came from Dover Pride's project officer Sarah Lang who has been working on the town's ambitious regeneration plans.

She said: "Art really excites the public and this gets them involved in what we are doing."

Landlords wanting to get involved in the Dover Visuals project or artists wishing to display their work at the gallery can contact Ms Lang on 01304 872162.

## Talent appeal

FROM FRONT PAGE

Mark Goodier. "It's not about the winning but doing what I love in front of people who want to listen," she said.

Her mother, Sandra, agrees a town centre management should be set up to promote local talent as well as businesses to help bring people back into Dover.

"There are lots of talented people in this town, but nobody to help get them out into the public eye. I held my own talent contest at Buckland Community Centre, but things like that are difficult with no backing."

"Ebony, luckily, has the support of Archers Court and she'll be performing along with my son, Harley, this month."

A district council official said discussions were taking place with the chamber of commerce, the Town Council, and Dover Pride to help.

He said: "We recognise the need to provide a vibrant town centre and we would certainly expect that locally based artists, dancers and musicians will be playing their part to make this happen."

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Ebony Johnson sings Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. Search 'Ebony'

## On your marks for this year's Dragon Race

THE search is on for entrants to Dover Regatta's dragon boat race.

Last year's event raised £10,700 for the RNLI and fundraiser Jenny Green hopes even more can be made at this year's regatta on Saturday, August 8.

"We're hoping to attract even more entrants, including a team from Dover lifeboat station," she said.

"Fifteen teams took part last time and all the money will go towards supporting the lifeboat crew."

Previous races have seen participants don fancy dress as they battle for supremacy on Dover seafloor.

Ms Green said: "There is also the sound of drummers beating time."

Dragon boats are based on traditional Chinese craft, measuring 40ft long, with 16 oars. It costs £150 for a team to enter and each must raise £250 in sponsorship.

To enter, call 07765 514078, or email info@doverregatta.co.uk.

## Luxury hotel makes holidaying at home even better value

WALLETTS Court Hotel is slashing its prices for travellers who opt for the great British holiday.

Owner Gavin Oakley is offering an eco-bonus worth £100 for visitors who scrap their plans for an overseas holiday and instead stay for seven nights at the four-star luxury spa hotel near Dover.

With the offer, the price per person is £346.50 and based on two sharing in a standard double or twin room with breakfast and unlimited use of the spa which includes pools, sauna, steam room and a fitness studio.

Mr Oakley said: "All we ask is that you support the British economy at the same time as reducing your carbon footprint and spend a week on the stunning coast of south east England and we'll give you a great British holiday eco-bonus –

that's £100 off per person. Then we'll give you an easy way to pay for it, no deposit, simply pay on departure by whatever means you prefer."

Wallett's Court is just over a mile away from St Margaret's Bay.

Mr Oakley said: "The south east coast experiences the finest weather in the UK with the least rainfall and has more hours of sunshine than other parts of the country."

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A FORMER pupil at Dover Grammar School for Boys is the new UK and European operations manager at Buzzlines.

Dean Chatburn (44), from Shepherdswell, will oversee all vehicle operations across all the company's sites.

The fitness fanatic, who has taken part in 12 marathons and a six-day endurance race across the Sahara, has more than 22 years' experience in the logistics of the freight industry.

He said: "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Buzzlines operates a fleet of more than 50 luxury vehicles and has more than 60 employees.



## Bureau offers help with benefit issues

ADVICE on housing and council tax benefits is available at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Dover.

A member of the health and well-being team at Dover District Council will be at the CAB office in Maison Dieu Gardens between 9.30am and 3pm every Monday.

Brinley Hill, community development manager at DDC, said: "We are very pleased to be working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau."

"Joint working with CAB gives us the opportunity to help ensure people receive the best possible support in these difficult, challenging times."

For further details or to make an appointment, phone 01304 202442.

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# Tull exhibition suffers again as vandal and thieves strike

■ BY MARIJKE COX

AN EXHIBITION in Dover showcasing the life of Walter Tull has suffered another blow after a collection box was stolen and a display piece vandalised.

Crossing The White Line, designed by the City of Westminster with the help of the Dover War Memorial Project (DWMP), was opened at Dover Library last month by county council chairman Peter Lake.

The display has been on show across the UK at venues in London, Preston and as far away as Scotland.

But just a week after its arrival to Dover, visitors were shocked and upset by a racist comment that was left in the visitor book about the black war hero.

Despite the remark being removed, volunteers of DWMP have been left reeling again after thieves took a collection box which contained money used to help fund research of

First and Second World War casualties. In addition, a display piece commemorating Dover's fallen was damaged by a homeless man sleeping rough in the library.

Maggie Stephenson-Knight, founder and chief researcher of the DWMP, said it was a hurtful blow to the volunteers who helped put it together.

She said: "We are extremely upset that anyone could be so disrespectful to those who lost their lives in the wars for us and so disrespectful to the families of our fallen, many of whom still live in our town today."

"It shows a real lack of respect. I've worked with many of the relatives of those who died and they are still mourning."

Members of the Friends of the DWMP have fixed the display panel, but Mrs Stephenson-Knight said it had to be replaced so it could be moved when the exhibition moved on.

"We are all volunteers here and so the money comes out of our pockets," she said.

The mother-of-three heavily subsidises the project, despite being a single parent with two disabled daughters needing full-time care.

"We rely on donations to keep us going, so a blow like this has a really devastating effect," she said.

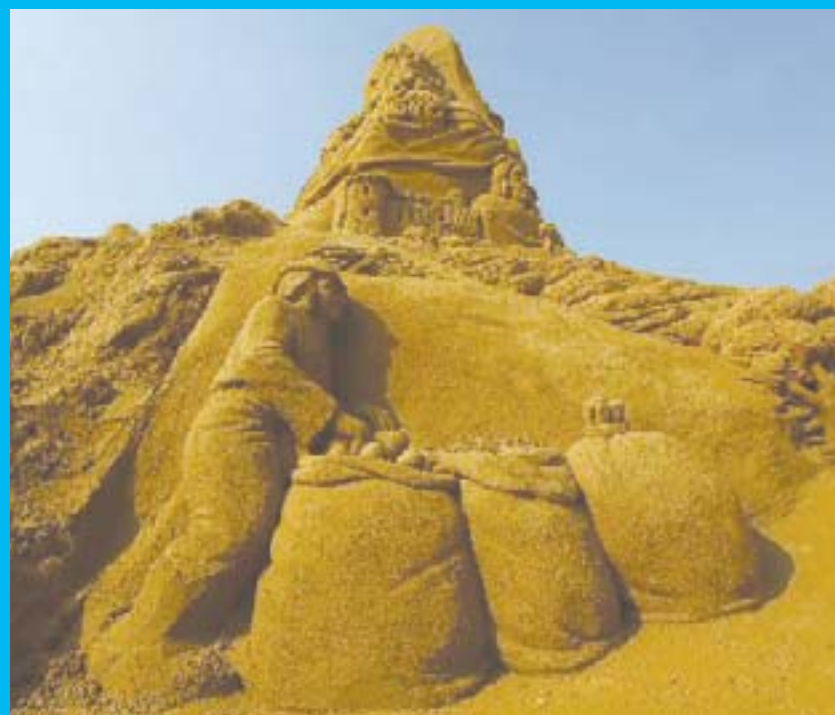
Organisers have decided against putting another collection box out, fearing it could be stolen again. Instead, donations can be made at [www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk](http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk).

Already community groups the London Road Community Forum and the George Cross For Dover Campaign have donated £25 each.

The exhibition showcases the life of the wartime hero, who was the first black man to be commissioned by the British Army.

He was also the first black man to be signed as a professional footballer.

The display, funded by the Professional Footballers Association and Heritage Lottery Fund, is running until Monday, June 29.



## SAIL OFF TO SAND SHOW

Sightseers are being invited to check out some of the numerous events being held in northern France over the summer.

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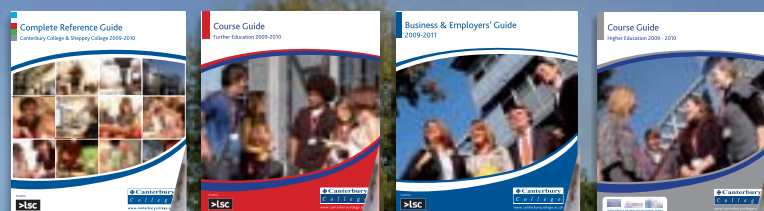
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Sport-lovers can enjoy the Tour de France Paris finale on July 26, with exhibitions, concerts and shows dedicated to the event.

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# Labour suffer disastrous defeat in county election

TORY candidates in Dover district have wiped out their Labour rivals in the county council elections.

Party members were celebrating with KCC's Tory leader Paul Carter on Friday night after securing the district's five county seats.

Five Labour councillors were unseated, the most high-profile being Dr Mike Eddy, leader of the Labour group at County Hall.

Others to lose out were Gordon Cowan and Bill Newman to Nigel Collor and Roger Frayne in the Dover Town division.

Former Dover North councillor Eileen Rowbotham was unseated by Steve Manion, and Terry Birkett lost one of the two Deal seats, along with Dr Eddy.

Tories Bryan Cope and Leyland Ridings held on to the Dover West and Sandwich divisions.

Elated Julie Rook, who is also a Cabinet member on Dover District Council, said she was looking forward to working with Kit Smith "We'll work together at district and county level to do something positive for Deal and the district. We can do a better job than Mike Eddy," she said.

She said that the overall results – which saw Labour hold on to just two of its 20 seats – showed a clear message from the public to

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Prime Minister Gordon Brown. "People wanted to punish local politicians for what's going on at Westminster," she said.

Kit Smith, who is also on Dover District Council, said: "DDC has a good relationship with KCC and we hope that will continue to grow."

But Cllr Eddy has blasted the result, saying there will be no scrutiny at the council and the Liberal Democrats will not hold the Conservatives to account.

"I'm extremely disappointed, not on a personal level, but for the people of Deal and Kent," he said.

"This has everything to do with what's going on in Westminster, but people will soon realise they have been foolish to turn away from Labour. Labour has protected the public from the excesses of the Tories at County Hall. This result will have a detrimental effect on Kent."

Across the county, results showed the number of Conservative seats rise from 56 to 74, with Labour holding on to just two, in Ramsgate and Northfleet and Gravesend West. Following Friday's count, KCC leader Paul Carter called for a general election.



TRUE BLUES: Bryan Cope and Nigel Collor claimed seats

## LibDems gain from pair's defection to Tory Party

LABOUR has lost two seats on Deal Town Council to the Liberal Democrats.

Patrick Acarnley and John Trickey (right) have been elected as councillors for the Mill Hill ward after Labour councillors Tracey Wilton and Pat Cook resigned and defected to the Tory Party last month.



Their decision followed a damning audit report exposing a number of Labour councillors for alleged misconduct.

Liberal Democrats John Trickey and Patrick Acarnley won 1005 votes and 953 respectively at last week's by-election.

Terry Birkett (Lab) got 806 votes, Chris Tough (Lab) 712, Pat Cook (Con) 558 and Tracy Wilton (Con) 561.

The Labour-led council has eight Labour members, four Conservatives and now three Liberal Democrats.

Bill Gardner, Mayor of Deal, said: "I would like to congratulate the two Liberal Democrats in winning the two seats for the Mill Hill by-election for Deal Town Council.

"I hope we can work together to solve some of the problems that the council has had."

## Voters heap more misery on Labour in Euro election

LABOUR'S failure to win any extra European seats for south-east England contributed to the party's disastrous set of election results.

The Conservatives were first polling 812,288 votes, UK Independence Party (UKIP) was second with 440,002, Liberal Democrats third with 330,340 and the Green Party fourth with 192,592 votes – an 8.2 per cent share.

There was no change in the number of seats won by the five biggest parties in the region, but Labour's share of the vote was down 5.4 per cent and the Green Party was up 3.8 per cent.

Peter Skinner remains the region's only Labour MEP following a set of results that saw the Conservatives retain their four seats, UKIP keep its two, LibDems end with two seats and the Green Party retains its one.

The anti-Labour vote elsewhere in the country saw the party slip behind UKIP into third place nationally, with the Tories top.

Tories Daniel Hannan, Nirj Deva, James Elles and Richard Ashworth will all represent the South East in Europe for four more years.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage kept his seat and will be joined by former European Commission chief accountant Marta Andreasen. She replaces the outgoing Independent Ashley Mote, who was elected as a UKIP member but had his whip removed in 2007 after being found guilty of benefit fraud.

Caroline Lucas remains the Green Party's European representative for the South East.

## HOW YOU VOTED

### DOVER WEST

Bryan Cope (Con)	2463
John Buckley (UKIP)	1352
Peter Lodge (LibDem)	1008
Pam Brivio (Lab)	645

Turnout 41.95 per cent

### DOVER TOWN

Nigel Collor (Con)	2825
Roger Frayne (Con)	2590
Bill Newman (Lab)	1894
Gordon Cowan (Lab)	1781
John Mackie (LibDem)	1732
Dean Stiles (LibDem)	1691

Turnout 29.45 per cent

### DOVER NORTH

Steve Manion (Con)	2380
Eileen Rowbotham (Lab)	1300
Reg Hansell (Independent Party of Dover District)	1053
Sheila Smith (LibDem)	764

Turnout 43.43 per cent

### DEAL

Julie Rook (Con)	3914
Kit Smith (Con)	3660
Anthony Hook (LibDem)	2592
John Trickey (LibDem)	2521
Terry Birkett (Lab)	2420
Mike Eddy (Lab)	2342

Turnout 39.12 per cent

### SANWICH

Leyland Ridings (Con)	3038
Bryan Curtis (LibDem)	1042
Iain Fairweather (Lab)	728

Turnout 39.25 per cent

## Parish council gets new members

TEN councillors have been appointed on to Eythorne Parish Council.

The seats were up for grabs following a controversial move by Dover District Council in which 11 members were stripped of their titles earlier this year.

This was down to an administrative error where members signed an old Declaration of Acceptance form when elected, meaning they had been serving illegally since 1997.

Only five members were reappointed until

a re-election took place: John Baldwin, Stuart Cowan, David Nash, Jeanette Stares and Richard Taylor-Worth.

Friday's count saw John Bagley, John Baldwin, Peter Franklin, Reg Hansell, Wendy Hansell, James Neilson, Marjorie Ovenden, Steve Pellitt, Christine Rogers and Peter Walker elected.

An election for the parish of Worth also took place, with Steve Stobie storming to victory with 226 votes over Miriam Bull's 167.

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OLIVER - Open Auditions  
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st  
Margate's Big Event

### JULY 2009

Friday 3rd  
The TAKE THAT Experience  
Thursday 9th - Saturday 11th  
Children's Showtime 2009

Sunday 12th  
DAPA Graduation Show  
Thursday 16th - SOLD OUT  
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Friday 17th  
Three Degrees plus support

Saturday 18th  
'Dancing Days'

Friday 24th  
Nigel Kennedy  
in Concert

Saturday 25th  
In Dreams  
featuring music from Roy Orbison

Friday 31st  
The Real Thing

### AUGUST 2009

Saturday 8th  
Joe Pasquale

12th Aug - 11th Sept  
"Razzmatazz"  
Girling Productions Summer Show

Saturday 15th  
Michael McIntyre  
SEPTEMBER 2009

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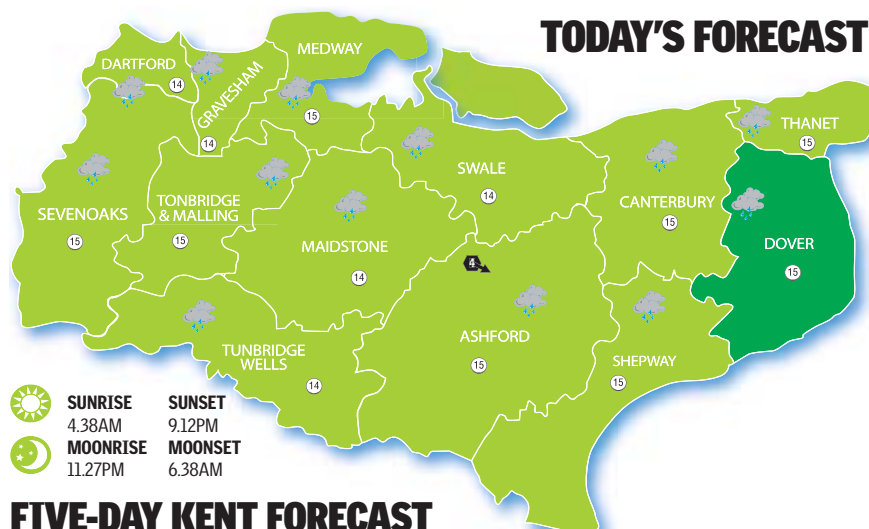
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Dover	Saturday	3:23pm	6.0m
	Sunday	4:03pm	5.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:10pm	6.8m
	Sunday	3:51pm	6.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:53pm	4.6m
	Sunday	4:33pm	4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:42pm	5.2m
	Sunday	5:21pm	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:42pm	4.9m
	Sunday	5:19pm	4.8m



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Amsterdam	17°C	Madrid	19°C
Athens	30°C	New York	25°C
Barcelona	22°C	Paris	13°C
Beijing	19°C	Rome	24°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	19°C
Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	14°C	Tokyo	19°C
Gibraltar	22°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	22°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	9°C

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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	16°C	16°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	Gravesend	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	20°C
Canterbury	16°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C	Maidstone	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C
Chatham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Ramsgate	16°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C
Dartford	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	20°C	Rochester	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C
Dover	15°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	15°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	19°C
Faversham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C
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Gillingham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Tun Wells	16°C	16°C	17°C	18°C	20°C

## Harbour board's delight at making Good Beach Guide

DOVER beach has been included in the Good Beach Guide 2009 after initially being excluded.

The environmental team at Dover Harbour Board contacted the Marine Conservation Society, which draws up the annual report, after being missed off the recommended list.

After a further investigation and analysis of water results, it was approved for inclusion, much to the harbour board's delight.

A spokesman said: "Being recognised in the Good Beach Guide is important to the harbour board as it demonstrates a commitment to providing a clean environment."

According to the board, a possible delay in receiving water results could have been the reason Dover was initially missed off the list.

### Ecology

The board also has a long-standing monitoring programme which surveys the whole of the port on a quarterly basis, including marine, coastal and terrestrial ecology.

This year, only 370 of beaches tested were recommended in the Good Beach Guide, compared with last year's 444.

Thomas Bell, MCS coastal pollution officer, blamed the drop on last summer's heavy rain which swept waterborne pollutants like raw sewage, petrochemicals and farm waste into rivers and the sea.

He said: "MCS is now recommending 25 per cent fewer beaches than three years ago and we're becoming concerned that the existing infrastructure for handling storm pollution may not be up to the job."

But people in Dover can breathe a sigh of relief that they don't have to travel out of the town to cool off this summer.

A spokesman for the MCS said: "Last summer's water quality results for Dover harbour look great."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### MARGARET THREADGOLD



**Q** Who or what brought you to Walmer?

**A** I was born in Kent and I've lived here for most of my life, apart from a couple of periods overseas. I moved to Deal in the late 90s to a beautiful house which my husband and I restored. Having completed the restoration, we moved to Walmer.

**Q** You play the piano and saxophone as well as singing opera. When did you discover your musical talent?

**A** As a child, I studied the piano and later the saxophone, but the voice was always my favourite instrument. My maternal grandparents were musicians and my father played the violin, so music was always a part of my life. I wanted to study music after school, but it was not to be as my mother lost her sight and my need to be close to home took precedence.

**Q** How did you develop your musical talent?

**A** It was not until my 30s that I began to study singing seriously. It takes about seven years to train a voice, but you never really finish because in each new work you discover ways to perhaps 'colour' a piece of music. One must be physically fit – tiredness shows in a voice. Vocalising every day is vital to keep the breathing technique, agility and quality of the voice. I was lucky to have had a brilliant teacher – I still spend time with her.

**Q** Do you think opera singing comes down to natural talent, or could somebody be trained to sing?

**A** Everybody can sing... some even in tune! If you think about it, the voice is our very first instrument. Training is vital to anyone who wants to pursue a long vocal musical career and wishes to keep a voice beautiful, without wobbles! Some singers may have a natural talent, but training will take them a huge leap forward in understanding the gift they possess.

**Q** What is it like to stand on stage and create such different emotions within an audience?

**A** There is such a lot of work that goes into interpreting a song before one gets to the performance. Song deals with great human emotions expressed in words. An atmosphere demands an attitude or mood... the mood belongs to the singer, the atmosphere to the song. The best friend of both is imagination and if the singer has imagination, atmosphere will meet her halfway.

**Q** Is there one moment in your musical career that stands out from the rest?

**A** Gosh, that's difficult! I love to sing and always enjoy performing, but that's not to say that the nerves are any less before going on stage. I have sung in theatres around the country and met some terrific fellow musicians. I have been stuck in a dress during costume changes, swallowed many moths in out-

door prom concerts and sung while bats flew out of a tower and circled my head!

**Q** What is the hardest thing about being an opera singer and musician?

**A** The sometimes long drive back home after a performance when your head is still in performance mode and your body wants to sleep.

**Q** What is the best thing about it?

**A** Interpretation is the highest branch of the singer's art and one works hard to reach it. Performance gives you the wings to fly and enjoy it.

**Q** Can you remember how you felt the first time you took to the stage to perform?

**A** Yes I can. Almost ethereal and quite exhilarating.

**Q** What have you got planned for the year ahead?

**A** Lots of music to study and various venues at which to sing. One, which is very close to home, on Friday, July 24, is The Prom In The Park in the grounds of Ripplevale School, Ripple.

Described in the papers as "the South East's best-kept secret", this concert is a terrific evening out for the whole family and a great one of which to be a part.

Q & A

Reporter **Marijke Cox** talks to opera singer Margaret Threadgold, who lives in Walmer, about her musical background, the highs and lows of performing and the arduous training behind her success

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Sun 14th	London Eye, Carvery & Cruise	£54.00	£50.00	Wed 8th	Duxford Imperial War Museum	£27.50	£15.00
Thurs 18th	Boulogne	£23.00	£18.00	Fri 10th	Teapot Island	£12.50	£10.50
Sat 20th	Calais & Cite Europe	£19.00	£15.50	Tue 14th	Tenterden & Chapel Down Vineyard	£21.00	£18.00
Wed 24th	Polesden Lacey	£22.50	£15.00	Thurs 16th	Sluis	£33.00	£29.00
Sun 28th	Wembley Stadium Tour	£33.00	£26.00	Sat 18th	Kent County Show	£25.00	£22.00
Tues 30th	Kingston Upon Thames	£24.00	£18.00	Sun 19th	Whitstable Oyster Festival	£9.50	£7.50
JULY		ADULT	CHILD	Mon 20th	St Omer by Ferry	£23.00	£18.00
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# 'We owe you our freedom'

FOR probably the last time they assembled on the beaches.

The heroes of Normandy, 1944, who stormed the German positions and liberated France from the yoke of Nazi oppression.

At the weekend the dignitaries all assembled – US President Barack Obama, Prince Charles representing the Royal Family and Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

But the day truly belonged to those veterans who took part in the momentous events of 65 years ago – and for all too many of them they realised it was the last time they would all be back together.

Bearing the British standards on the beach at Arromanches were members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association.

"It was lucky we brought our standards," said Ramsgate chairman Ron Williams. "Otherwise we British would have been a bit under-represented."

The group had met early on Saturday morning at various spots in Kent before making the arduous journey to Normandy by coach.

All service veterans, they had come to pay their respects to the fallen at a parade alongside the beach which was taken by British troops on the day itself.

Tom Thaxter of the Royal Scots Fusiliers remembers the events of 65 years ago.

"I left 173 of my friends buried here," he said. "It's an emotional occasion – probably the last one of its kind with so many of us passing away each year. I was wounded in the left leg, just after we landed, the right leg outside Berlin, and the eye in Palestine. But so many of my friends didn't make it at all."

Charles Giles, from Margate, is president of the local naval association.

He said: "It's true there are fewer and fewer of us. I was on a destroyer working on charts off the beaches and I saw them go in. I have admired their bravery ever since."

A few miles away, US President Barack Obama spoke at Omaha Beach, where the Americans landed.

NICK AMES reports from the 65th anniversary celebrations of D-Day, held in Normandy, where war veterans were joined by world leaders to remember the day the liberation of Europe began



**STANDARD BEARERS:** Members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association at Arromanches beach

He said the bravery and selflessness of a few changed the course of a whole century.

The Allies suffered 215,000 casualties on D-Day and in the Normandy campaign. Germany suffered similar losses as the Allies fought desperately up the beaches and in to the French countryside to form a bridgehead.

Speaking at the US war cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Mr Obama said it was the sheer improbability of the D-Day victory that had made it so memorable.

He said: "Friends and veterans, what we cannot forget – what we must not forget – is that D-Day was a time and a place where the

bravery and selflessness of a few was able to change the course of an entire century.

"At an hour of maximum danger, amid the bleakest of circumstances, men who thought themselves ordinary found it within themselves to do the extraordinary."

Speaking before Mr Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy thanked the Allies for their efforts in liberating France and the rest of Western Europe.

"I want to say thank you to the survivors of this tragedy who are here today with us... we owe you our freedom," he said.

Mr Brown was booed by a small group in the



**WREATH:** Prince Charles paid respects at Bayeux Cathedral

waiting crowd and one person shouted: "Where's the Queen?"

But he got a laugh from some members of the audience when he referred to Omaha Beach as "Obama Beach".

The French government previously denied it had intended to snub the Royal Family after failing to invite the Queen to the commemorations, with Prince Charles travelling to France after a last-minute invitation.

Mr Brown gave a speech in which he praised "men of courage and bravery".

UK Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Richard Dannatt, told the veterans: "I know that I speak on behalf of all soldiers, all over the world, when I salute the focus, determination and professionalism of all of you and your comrades who stormed into northern France from the air and from the sea in June 1944."

Earlier, Mr Brown and the prince laid wreaths inside Bayeux Cathedral during a service organised by the Royal British Legion.

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# A feast for the eyes

IT IS often said good food can be a work of art. And now a contest has been launched to underline that very point.

Unveiled at the weekend by the champion of regionally produced food and drink – Produced in Kent – school children in primary schools across the county are being asked to take part in a major art competition. And the aim? To create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece. The competition is open to all primary school children from reception classes through to Year 6 and entrants are challenged to create their Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece out of real seasonal, regional fruit and vegetables and photograph it. Alternatively they can make a fruit and veg collage using recycled materials and household waste, or children can simply paint or draw their masterpiece. The picture can depict any subject from a smiley face, through to a landscape, or still life.

The crucial ingredient in all the artworks being produced is that they all focus on the delicious range of fresh locally produced food and drink in our county. It coincides with our 2009 KOS Media campaign urging our readers to buy locally produced or supplied food and drink wherever possible.

Supported by Produced in Kent – and spearheaded by our one-stop shop for all your local food and drink shopping needs, [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) – the campaign is designed to cut down on unnecessary food miles, support our local rural communities and protect traditional industries. All in addition to the unbeatable taste and health benefits of local, fresh food. Now it is hoped this competition will help hammer home the message to youngsters about the benefits of eating seasonal, local, produce.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent explains: "This competition is a really fun and creative way to engage children in Kent with regionally and seasonally grown fruit and vegetables. The message about healthy eating and eating your 'five-a-day' has really started to filter through to families and increasingly both parents and children want to reduce their carbon footprint. By buying and using locally grown fruit and veg that is in season, families will not only be consuming

## Youngsters are invited to draw upon their knowledge of seasonal Kent foods to create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece

healthier, fresher and more nutritious food, they will be helping to keep our county and the planet greener."

The countywide contest will see 10 lucky children, who submit the best piece of art, awarded a fabulous range of prizes worth hundreds of pounds, while the overall winner will be presented with a stunning photographic foodscape picture by TV's celebrity food photographer Carl Warner. Children can find out what fruit and vegetables are in season in Kent this summer on the seasonality chart on the Produced in Kent website (simply go to [www.producedinkent.co.uk](http://www.producedinkent.co.uk) and follow the Useful Information and Seasonality links).

To enter the competition children can either submit electronic photographs of their work by email or send in their paper drawings/paintings to Produced in Kent's headquarters by Friday, September 18. Address details can be found on the website.

Children should clearly indicate their full name, school year group, the name of their school, age, a contact telephone number and email address. The age of the child will be taken into account during the judging by Produced in Kent's manager Julie Monkman and Carl Warner, but the entry should be entirely the work of the child.

The overall winner and runners up will be invited to the Food & Drink Festival in Canterbury on Saturday, September 26, where Mr Warner will present the prizes on the Produced in Kent exhibition stand. In addition to the foodscape picture, worth hundreds of pounds and a winner's certificate, the winner will be awarded a £50 voucher by Great Art (the UK's leading art suppliers) and a Great Art 12-pan colour box will be presented to the nine runners up with certificates.

To enter, visit [www.producedinkent.co.uk](http://www.producedinkent.co.uk).

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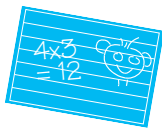


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Kent County Council is asking families with children starting year six after the summer holidays to register before Friday, July 10, if they wish to apply for a grammar place in September 2010.

The tests are on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15-16.

Parents can apply online by logging on to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) or by downloading a paper copy of the form from the website.

Alternatively, application forms can be obtained from primary schools or by phoning 01622 696565.

Those who apply online will find out by email if their child has been assessed for grammar school or high school on Monday, October 19.

Letters will be sent to all families on Tuesday, October 20.

Parents then have until Friday, November 6, to submit their application form for the schools they wish to choose.

### College's Cowell factor

DOVER College has been involved in a TV show about the life of X Factor music mogul Simon Cowell.

A camera crew visited the school to interview George Mathews, Mr Cowell's house-master when he was a pupil.

Shots of the grounds were used in the programme, which was broadcast on Sky.

A college official said many other talented people had attended Dover College, including Hong Kong film star and singer Michael Kuhn; Guy East, the producer on Terminator 3; and Sir Frederick Ashton, choreographer at the Royal Ballet.

# Tressed to thrill by Toni & Guy experts

HUNDREDS of South Kent College students turned out to watch Toni & Guy hairdressers show off their skills.

The event saw students from Dover, Ashford and Folkestone flock to the Shepway campus to watch experts from the top salon demonstrate the latest styles.

South Kent College hairdressing lecturer Janine Kennard interviewed the stylists while they worked so everyone could hear exactly what skills were being used.

She said: "This was the first time we've used a multimedia approach for a teaching event like this and it really worked."

"This gives our hairdressing students a realistic idea of how the skills they are learning will be used in the workplace."

"It is fantastic to see these professionals at work. We find it really inspires the students to see that when they put together all the different skills they are learning, they too will be just as good at hairdressing as the people they're watching on stage."

The stylists were filmed as they worked on their models, who had been consulted before any drastic changes to their hair took place.

## BY MARIJKE COX

Owen Brunning, from Toni & Guy, said: "Staff in salons are so busy. Coming here to an event like this is an opportunity to give something back."

"It's a bit nerve-racking just before you start in front of so many people, but then you just concentrate and get on with the work."

Mr Brunning stressed that each model had been consulted before the show. "This was so no one cries 'What have you done to my hair?' at the end," he said.

The audience was shown both male and female cuts, colours, blow-dries and hair-ups during two one-and-a-half-hour sessions.

Each model was given a makeover by beauty students and wore costumes designed by the Ashford School of Art and Design.

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**CUTTING EDGE:** Hundreds of South Kent College students attended the sessions held by Toni & Guy stylists



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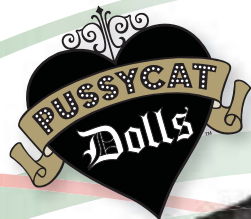


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Adelaide in Australia wants more families to move there... but just what's the catch?

## Why are we still suffering here when it's so nice Down Under?

THE recession, the Government, Big Brother, CCTV, traffic jams, drizzle, clone towns, queues – don't you just love life in England?

But there is hope – and it comes from Down Under. The city of Adelaide in South Australia has launched a campaign to lure families to its Mediterranean climate, beaches and apparently recession-free economy.

As well as job opportunities, the city is offering 300 days of sunshine a year, affordable house prices and a better quality of life than offered here. And to top it off, South Australia is on the brink of becoming the world's fastest-growing economy. It sounds too good to be true.

Apparently the opportunities for those wishing to work or invest in Adelaide are second to none. And there are other attractions.

As well as long beachfronts, it boasts average summer temperatures of 28°C, excellent wine and good schools. Not to mention ice-cold beer of superb quality – no self-respecting

Aussie will tolerate rubbish like Fosters. Victoria Bitter is great, as is Tooheys – and don't forget West End beer and Coopers. Perfect for a summer's evening.

Just remember to ask for an "Imperial Pint" – an Aussie one is just three-quarters of one of ours, but some pubs serve the full measure.

The food is OK, too, if you steer clear of vegimite.

For those hot evenings a Bundy and Coke can't be beaten – if you don't know, that's rum and coke in a can, ready-mixed.

And the day-to-day routine of work is so much more laid-back with none of that tedious rat race and backstabbing you find over here.

A document by the South Australian government to sum up the attractions of Adelaide to encourage businesses to invest in a growing economy rather than a declining one makes enticing reading.

Especially if you are stuck in negative equity in a flat somewhere uninspiring where the best night out is a Wetherspoons. I don't know about you, but I'd rather cruise the Great

Ocean Road or take a boat to a tropical island.

Or rather than watch reality TV, get a ride into the Outback and get to grips with nature. Adelaide came in the top ten of The Economist's World's Most Livable Cities index last year – so that reinforces the point.

And finding a job seems easy, with loads of random positions on offer.

The health sector needs as many staff as ever and other areas with vacancies include hair and beauty, fitness, gardening, farming and fishing. Jobs currently advertised at the moment range from accountancy to mining and engineering. South Australia still has skills shortages for accountants, chefs, wages specialists, factory workers and cheesemakers.

Australia already attracts many Britons, with 23,236 moving there in 2007-08, including 2,451 who went to Adelaide.

That's it – I'm off too...

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## TALK TIME

### JULIE ROOK

The marketing manager of butcher JC Rook spoke to us about the history of the business and its eco-friendly outlook



#### What is the key to having a long-running successful family business?

Good old-fashioned customer service, reputation and of course we wouldn't be anywhere without our wonderful staff. People have warm and fond memories from childhood and I think Rooks is maybe one of them. Many of our staff have been with us for many years and our customers trust them and like to see the same old friendly face when they visit one of our stores. We are also trusted for our quality.

#### What's the benefits for people buying meat from a butcher instead of a supermarket?

We are experts in meat... supermarkets are not. Our butchers can tell the customer what the best cuts are, what the most economical cuts are and the cooking instructions, as well as what farm that particular piece of meat is from. Butchers provide food confidence, local food for local people with fewer food miles travelled.

#### Tell us about the eco-friendly factors

We've been working with local landowners to produce some of our own beef. This not only helps local farmers but also gives our customers confidence in the food they eat as well, as reducing our carbon footprint. We are also proud to have 100 per cent biodegradable packaging and were – we believe – the first company in Kent to introduce a charge for plastic carrier-bags. Any money raised in this way is donated to charity and our carrier-bag consumption has reduced by more than 60 per cent. We also recycle as much of our waste as possible and have speed-limiters on all our delivery vehicles.

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**Patrick Acarnley and John Trickey,**  
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### Majority against airport expansion

So the council has set a decision date – long delayed by the lack of full information from the airport itself – to determine Lydd airport's expansion attempt.

In the view of the vast majority of local people on the Marsh the airport expansion remains unwanted and an economic and environmental non-starter.

Further, it's now even more of a non-starter because people have started holidaying in the UK more due to the credit crunch and with taxes very likely to rise from next year onwards for decades to come to pay back the bank bailouts etc, this is likely to become the norm.

Recent reports have shown a boom in visitors to caravan parks and places like Camber Sands.

This is also why expanding local tourism to the area is a far



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better option than a white-elephant airport. In addition, many airlines are going bust and airports are losing money.

Ryanair's recent worst loss in its history and Manston making a £4 million loss are a further

couple of economic examples.

While possibilities for apprenticeships and aviation courses at Lydd may be welcome, they could happen without any expansion.

And in any case, once qualified,

most would very probably still leave the area for larger facilities elsewhere.

Alongside tourism, there is still a need to expand green-collar jobs across the area, possibly including manufacturing units on part of the airport site.

After all, once, not if, the flooding starts, it will be far easier to relocate such businesses to higher ground nearby, which could not be done with Lydd airport – thus preserving jobs.

I call strongly on Shepway's councillors to reject unanimously the airport's plans, as no doubt do the vast majority of local residents, and then work harder to encourage the much more beneficial alternatives to the area.

**Ray Duff, Folkestone**

### Let development go ahead at Lydd

As a supporter of Lydd airport, may I congratulate the planning officers and the elected councillors of Shepway District Council on finally setting a date for the two applications before them for the redevelopment of Lydd airport.

I know that it has been a long and difficult road for the council and its officers, but I have every confidence they will make the right decision on the night.

As a committee member of Friends of Lydd Airport Group (FLAG), my one hope has been to see this project through for the creation of jobs in an area where for some time there is little or no hope of a job.

I believe in the right to be against and be able to object, but I do question people like Louise Barton and Lydd Airport Action



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Group's motive. What she and LAAG have failed to tell the public is that in the past, and after six years and a public inquiry, Louise Barton and LAAG had their objections overruled by the then Secretary of State, Michael Howard.

Do we the public really need to have to pay for another costly public inquiry? Would it be in the public interest if the council was to listen to Louise Barton?

They could find themselves in the same position as happened at Stansted, where the council had a case for no-determination set against it with costs of £500,000.

So let's put the record straight. Here we have a private investor who has to date invested more than £20 million with as much to come and has planning permission for a hotel at the golf course.

Can this really be a business that is not viable and going nowhere?

So let us all move forward together and support this project, for this is the greatest opportunity to create high-quality skills and training that the aviation industry can bring to one of the highest unemployment blackspots in the country, and in a climate when so many people are losing their jobs, we in Shepway have an opportunity to bring prosperity.

Brian Godfrey, Lyminge

## Remember them

*Forget Us Not: A Poem for Saturday's Anniversary of D-Day*  
Forget us not,

*For we made, our pledge for you,  
Gave heart, and mind, and life,  
For peaceful times.  
Forget us not,  
Our cause for England's sake,  
Look to those foreign fields,  
Upon our endless graves.  
Look, to the skies, to where the skylark sings,  
In freedom's flight,  
Piercing with song, the tranquil morning light.  
Look on, and think not of good byes,  
But with us pledge,  
That we, with thoughts of you,  
Gave body, hope, for future years,  
Man's path would lead to right.  
Forget us not,  
When thoughts of England flow,  
When in the fields,  
The abundant poppies grow.  
For life, gave life,  
As of the scattered seed,  
And this our sacrifice,  
In England's times of need.*

Maxwell Dunlop, Folkestone

## Putting up a united front at polling booth

I know politicians are not the most popular group of people at the moment, but after a bit of thought I did vote in the Kent County Council elections on Thursday.

I feel that it is important to show that people are still interested in the democratic process even though the people involved in it as elected representatives are not all they

should be – or at least many of them aren't.

Ian Todd, by email

## I'm bowled over by unfair ticket prices

Does anyone else agree with me that the pricing and ticket arrangements for Kent's Twenty20 cricket matches are unfair?

Not to let people who fork out for membership into the games with their pass is unfair.

I know the team wants to attract a new crowd for this form of the game, but to expect people who have paid out quite a large sum to have to pay again on the day strikes me as unfair.

Membership should entitle a person to a ticket for all home games – especially those that are theoretically going to be the most popular.

On the positive side, though, the idea of offering a free ticket for a county championship game when you show your Twenty20 ticket at the game is an excellent one.

Ian Paynter, by email

## Sock in face of fashion

The recent hot spell has shown one thing yet again: British men cannot dress for warm weather.

The site of people in awful sandals and shorts with socks is just too much to bare (geddit?).

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Laura Hope, by email

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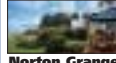
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# Tuning in to a guitar master



Professor of guitar Richard Smith is performing in Kent and will be passing on his skills in special masterclasses

FANS of guitar music can take a lesson from an expert when Richard Smith visits Kent this month.

As a professor of guitar at the University of Southern California, Smith is the perfect role-model for aspiring musicians and is used to passing on his expertise.

Now people in Kent can not only enjoy his performances in two concerts but also take advantage of a free guitar masterclass by this consummate musician.

The award-winning recording artist and performer is the jazz guitarist with Los Angeles-based LA Chilharmonic, which will perform in Margate and Folkestone. Described as smooth contemporary jazz with

pop accessibility and a funky R&B edge, their music should appeal to jazz fans and those who are looking for something a little different.

As a professor at USC's Thornton School of Music, Smith heads the Guitar Masters programme in the Studio/Jazz Guitar Department and gives free lessons and mentoring to at-risk children in the Los Angeles area.

He visits Kent at the request of local promoter and music business lecturer Julia Jones, who is fostering links between the American college and Canterbury Christ Church University's music departments.

Thornton School of Music is ranked alongside the prestigious Juilliard School in New York as one of the top conservatoires in the world.

A world-class player with a num-

ber of accolades to his name, Smith cites a variety of influences, from jazz guitar legends Wes Montgomery, George Benson and Pat Martino to his mentor Joe Diorio and contemporary jazz pioneers Lee Ritenour, Larry Carlton and Robben Ford.

He has taught masterclasses throughout Europe and the US, as well as performing at prestigious venues such as the Town Hall in New York, the World Trade Centre and the Orchestra Hall, Chicago.

The guitar masterclass will be held at the Canterbury Christ Church University campus in Broadstairs on Saturday.

Admission is by guest list only, so to join email [julia@musicclub.org.uk](mailto:julia@musicclub.org.uk).

LA Chilharmonic will be performing at Cafe G in Margate at 8pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £15, including first drink and snacks.

For more information, you can phone the cafe on 01843 225600.

They can also be seen at Quarterhouse in Folkestone on Thursday, June 18, starting at 7.30pm. Support will be provided by acclaimed Kent singer-songwriter Raphael Mead. You can hear some of Mead's tracks and find out more about him online at [www.myspace.com/raphaelmead](http://www.myspace.com/raphaelmead).

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Find out how ailments and diseases were

treated, along with the horrors of early surgery techniques. Visitors can scare their families by having the symptoms of horrific diseases painted on their faces and truly step into the world of Tudor medicine.

The Terrors of Tudor England is part of a month-long celebration marking the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's ascension to the throne. More fun is yet to come with upcoming events that reveal how the royal household would have prepared for the arrival of the king and uncover the massive firepower controlled by the monarch.

The event runs from 10am to 5pm both days. For more information call 0870 333 1181 or visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk).

## NO FUTURE

Saturday, June 13  
Quarterhouse, Folkestone

ANARCHY comes to Shepway this weekend as Sex Pistols tribute band No Future strut on to the stage.

Gym Rotten, Chris Cook, Bomber Vicious and Kev Jones formed as a one-off joke in 2006, when they decided to pay tribute to the Sex Pistols at a punk rock festival. The reception from the crowd convinced them that there was still an appetite for the controversial band's music, three decades after they first exploded onto the scene.

No Future made a big impact when invited to audition for Britain's Got Talent, giving them the potential chance to perform in front of industry guru Simon Cowell.



Sadly they didn't make it to the televised auditions, but they still got their moment in the spotlight.

Fans can look forward to a theatrical show with lots of posturing and old films showing in the background. Their performances are rare, with just a few concerts a

year, and they are looking to appear at large festivals.

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A BEREAVED family struggles to decide the future of its livelihood in Ade Morris's new music theatre play, Bubbles.

Left behind by the modern times, Bubbles Brough wonders what became of her youth and dreams as the credit crunch takes its toll on her scrap yard business. With prospects looking bleak, Bubbles is offered the chance to sell the firm to make way for executive housing. She wants to refuse the offer, but her two sons cannot agree on the right course of action.

Dirk is tempted to take the money, while Charley loves his mum and has no idea what to do for the best. Their late father Reg keeps watch over their lives and tries to help them make the right decision, but time is running out for Bubbles.

The new production, presented by The Watermill, follows the enormous success of Morris' Micky Salberg's Crystal Ballroom Dance Band last year. This funny, inspiring and live-affirming show looks set to be another big hit for the writer.



Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12/£10. To book, phone the box office on 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.

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# Revisiting her freedom

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

EMMA Thompson has a 'couldn't care less' attitude that makes her irresistible – and her next move will see her bowing out of the limelight for a year.

With her latest film, *Last Chance Harvey* released on Friday, Thompson is now finishing filming the second *Nanny McPhee* movie, which she has written and stars in. Then the two-time Oscar winner intends to reward herself with a break, having turned 50 in April.

"It is a big milestone," the actress says. "It is one of the biggest because when you reach it you can say 'I'm going to be a naturalist now'. You can say whatever you want."

"Funnily enough, my great friend, the actor Derek Jacobi, recently turned 70 and I said, 'what was that like compared to 50 or 60?'"

"He said, it's very different. At 50 you can do what you want, at 60 you have to do what you're doing – at 70, you have no choices left. So with a view to making the right choices, I'm taking a year off. It's my birthday present to myself."

While other more insecure stars would be fearful of people forgetting their name, Thompson is ready to embrace a period of calm: "As an actor and writer, sometimes I think you have to stop creating and let your brain relax. I think it hones the appetite."

Despite her advancing years, Thompson still retains a youthful spirit that drives her on.

Last year she was caught by paparazzi dancing around a lamp-post, her designer dress hitched up as she flashed her legs and pulled faces for the cameras on the way home from the after-party for the *Brideshead Revisited* premiere in London. Despite the adulation and awards, her unpretentious manner is clear to see – it's why the 'everywoman' roles she plays resonate with audiences.

Thompson delivers yet another striking performance in *Last Chance Harvey*, where she plays Kate, a woman who appears to go about her life without expectation or ambition. Then one day she meets a fellow lost soul in the shape of Harvey, played by Dustin Hoffman.



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"It was a coming of age movie for both of us. I don't think we could have done it earlier in our careers. I love that about the movie."

*Last Chance Harvey* is a low-key romance,

**READY TO RELAX:** Emma Thompson is taking a year off

written and directed by relative newcomer Joel Hopkins. Without Thompson's support, it's unlikely the studio, Overture Films, would ever have given the project the go-ahead.

"Yes, that is true," she says, laughing. "Well, kind of... It was serendipity because I had just worked with Dustin on *Stranger Than Fiction* and he wanted to do it. That connection we had was what made the movie happen."

But before she has a chance to shy away from the spotlight to enjoy her birthday gift to herself, she has to finish making the *Nanny McPhee* sequel, which she chose ahead of continuing her role in the *Harry Potter* series.

"I've been writing it for three years and I'm really excited about it," she says. "It is set 100 years after the last film and the only thing the same is (her character) *Nanny McPhee*."

Only then, when the cameras have stopped rolling can Thompson sit back and enjoy the fruits of her success.

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The 'Boat Rocking Dress Up Party' will feature the very best in dub-step, hip-hop and funk across two stages.

Resident Twisted DJs will be joined by We Are Your Friends, Big Trouble, gangster house duo 2 Bit Thugs and DJ Matt Cox.

A spokesman for The Source Bar event said: "Twisted is taking a cruise and throwing its anchor into the sea just in time for the summer months and for all you returning students."

"We thought what better way to start the weekly summer parties with yet another one

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

of our epic themes and this time we are getting seasick and partying over the deep blue nothing with some very special guests.

"There will be big prizes for the best dressed and runners up, so all you have to do is dress up as something at sea or even in the sea like castaways, beach bums, pirates or impress us with some homemade sea monster."

"As per usual, the Twisted team will be doing up the bar as much as possible to give it that summer sea vibe and this time we will be helped on the night by a lovely set of helpers who will be providing you with some ice cream, candy floss, cakes and some cool accessories."

Twisted at Sea boasts two rooms – The Boat Party and The Dockyard.

We Are Your Friends and Twisted DJs will take charge of the decks in The Boat Party while Big Trouble, 2 Bit Thugs and Matt Cox will take charge in The Dockyard.

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■ BY MARIJKE COX

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WHO would have guessed that Springwatch would have become quite the success it has?

Turns out there's nothing some of us like better than watching some birds flutter in and out of a nestbox in glorious technicolour and now we're on series five.

The show has returned for a new run and as ever sticks to much the same formula as before.

Mind you, it has lost the beardy birdman from Rochdale, Bill Oddie, who has left to "take a breather".

He has been replaced in the studio/shed by Chris Packham, who used to present the Really Wild Show when I was a nipper. Indeed, the fact that he now looks pretty old makes me, in turn, feel less than spritely.

Those who tend to find hedgehogs scuttling around at the bottom of the garden a fascinating insight into the fabric of this country will love this, and will no doubt already have tuned in, because this is one popular show.

Others would be advised to steer well clear.

Just when you thought they couldn't take reality television any further, the brains at Channel 4 manage to pull another one out the bag.

And to all those who thought the country had run out of fame-seeking reality dummies, you were wrong.

After the success of the first two series, travel show The Coach Trip has started up again, following seven pairs of contestants on a six-week tour around Europe.

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Continent – but with a difference.

At the end of each day each pair – made up of the usual husband and wife, mother and daughter or life-long friends combo – have to vote off the people they least like.

This in itself is gripping viewing when waiting to see what fights will erupt when Geoff and Anne, for example, are told they don't gel well with the rest of the dozy lot.

In the event of a couple getting two yellow cards, they are thrown off the bus and replaced with a new pair of eager contestants.

But what makes this show even funnier is the browbeaten, camp tour guide Brendon, who tries desperately to keep things running smoothly as he herds 14 people around Europe.

Brits abroad causing mayhem – who would've thought it, eh?

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**YOU'RE** a lot more sentimental than usual. Maybe the reason you're so emotional is that you miss a good friend. Although you can still keep in touch via phone and email, you need some face to face time. Perhaps you can pay them a visit, but expectations reasonable.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**YOUR** allure is at an all-time high; use it to your advantage. This is a great time to get favours from all sorts of people. Beware of accepting an offer with strings attached, though. You wouldn't want to get into a relationship that's more trouble than it's worth.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**SPARKS** are flying between you and a powerful personality. If you're in a shaky relationship, this could mark the death knell of your union. You simply can't endure their bizarre behaviour. Resist the urge to jump straightaway into another commitment. It's best to play the field.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**BE** extra attentive to the one you love because they have the power to make or break your happiness. Recently, you've been preoccupied with work and may have taken out your frustrations on a best friend or romantic partner. Carrying on like this will result in a nasty shock.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**DON'T** be afraid to draw attention to your talent. A little self promotion goes a long way. If you're trying to win someone's heart, summon your confidence. Pretend you're playing a part in a movie, if necessary. Playing the wallflower at a party will have disastrous results.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**MAKING** a sacrifice on behalf of a loved one comes naturally. Some people will think you are behaving oddly and there may be good reasons for their concern. After all, you've been hurt by relationships in the past. Maybe it's better to wait before making a heartfelt pledge.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**YOU** can afford to be a little reckless where your love life is concerned. If you're in a relationship, whisk your lover away to a hidden trysting place. If you're single, it's time to confess a crush. Someone who admires your bravery could come forward and ask for a date.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**IT'S** time to spruce up your wardrobe. If fashion isn't your thing, get some help from a well-dressed Libra or Pisces. This friend can show you which colours and cuts will enhance your looks. Don't get angry if they steer you away from your favourite looks.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**YOUR** cash levels look likely to rise sharply. You could get a hefty sum for a valuable antique you no longer want. Alternatively, you could land a better paid job or get a rise. Be sure to put some of the money toward something very special for your home.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**SPENDING** time with friends is a good idea. You've been so wrapped up in work recently you've all, but forgotten your social life. Swing the pendulum in the other direction and go out with your best mates. A steady job could come to an unexpected halt, leaving you the loser.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**YOU'RE** getting mixed signals from someone sexy. The best way to keep their interest is to give them the cold shoulder. Sure, it's risky, but the payoff will be tremendous. An innocent remark could provoke an angry reaction. That's further proof this flirt interested in you.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**YOUR** creative juices are flowing like a mighty river. There's never been a better time to write a first chapter or apply your paintbrush to a canvas. Give yourself permission to start slowly. Resist the temptation to throw something out once you've started it.

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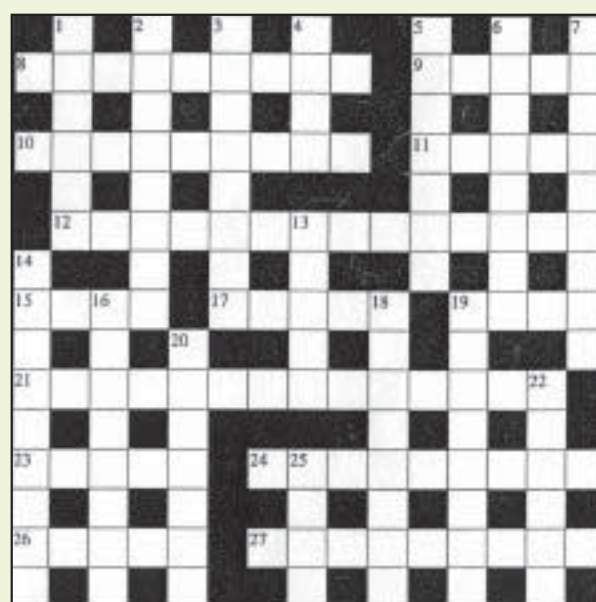
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- 8 Indecent photograph of detailed scheme (9)  
 9 Bird mother once protected (5)  
 10 Meet Ma, a NZ stranger in astonishment (9)  
 11 Army accepting a member in Florida (5)  
 12 Prince's military manoeuvre? (6-8)  
 15 Do a bit of pressing (4)  
 17 Venetian magistrate trapped old penny duck (5)  
 19 Lady drops a clanger (4)  
 21 Grillroom? (7,7)  
 23 Old piece of France (5)  
 24 Become bored with TV perhaps, so do this to it (6,3)  
 26 Some of the Israelites chosen (5)  
 27 Scheme by extraterrestrial with a number of lines of certain heavenly bodies (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Refuse to talk about said meat at university (4,2)  
 2 Last letter in atonement for Cornish resort (8)  
 3 Top part of capstan, or of percussion instrument? (8)  
 4 We do not know the name of this prolific author (4)  
 5 Threats surprisingly disintegrate (7)  
 6 English PM first making debut (8)  
 7 Unworldly? (9)  
 13 Doctor, one leaving famous Italian family (5)  
 14 Explained how margins had been aligned (9)  
 16 Some whinger, manic-depressive, from a European country (8)  
 18 Insisting on doing the work of thespian formerly at the start (8)  
 19 Robert had pale quail (8)  
 20 Sooner more readily responsive (7)  
 22 Change bench about first (6)  
 25 Fancy twill almost to become limp (4)

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## QUICK CLUES

## ACROSS

- 8 Scribbling (9)  
 9 Ovals (anag) (5)  
 10 Played by plucking (9)  
 11 Open sore (5)  
 12 Willing to engage in community action (6-8)  
 15 Above (4)  
 17 Story (5)  
 19 Bracken (4)  
 21 Most successful to date (6-8)  
 23 Undulated (5)  
 24 Pantomime character (4,5)  
 26 Bedfordshire town (5)  
 27 Large hunting dog (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Stint (6)  
 2 Tanzanian island (8)  
 3 Act of choosing (8)  
 4 Use needles (4)  
 5 Drafting instrument (1-6)  
 6 Part of formal wear (5,3)  
 7 Driving stolen car (9)  
 13 Raves (anag) (5)  
 14 Wooden footpath (9)  
 16 Dig out (8)  
 18 Unit of language from another language (4,4)  
 19 Scare (8)  
 20 Circumspect (7)  
 22 The rag (anag) (6)  
 25 Christmas (4)

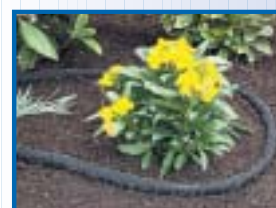
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## CRYPTIC SOLUTION No90

ACROSS: 1 Freckled 6 Albeit 9 Jotter  
 10 Parasite 11 Conservation 13 Byron 14  
 Neuralgia 17 Hemstitch 19 Evade 21  
 Brownie point 24 Atropine 25 Not out 26  
 Groyne 27 Standing. DOWN: 2 Room 3 Cut  
 across 4 Larynx 5 Deplete 6 Aardvark 7  
 Beset 8 In two minds 12 Typewriter 15  
 Levitated 16 Divisive 18 Cypress 20 Zinnia  
 22 Wozy 23 Quin.

## QUICK SOLUTION No91

ACROSS: 8 Scrawling 9 Salvo 10 Prizzicato  
 11 Usher 12 Record-breaking 23 Over 17 Novel  
 24 Snow White 26 Luton 27 Retiree.  
 DOWN: 1 Square 2 Zanzibar 3 Election 4  
 Knight 5 T-square 6 Black tie 7 Joyriding 13  
 Saver 14 Boardwalk 16 Excavate 18 Loan  
 word 19 Frighten 20 Prudent 22 Gather

Answers to all of this week's quizzes can be found on our website





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# King of Theatreland

SPENDING the weekend in London feels like a luxurious treat, especially when combining it with a trip to the West End.

When planning a short break in the capital, it is easy to find good value theatre and hotel packages on the internet.

Websites such as [www.superbreak.com](http://www.superbreak.com) and [www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com) can help to take the stress out of organising the trip and often offer high quality breaks at budget prices.

We decided to see one of London's most

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acclaimed musical productions, *The Lion King*, at the beautiful Lyceum Theatre. Now celebrating its 10th year on the stage, the show has remained popular with theatregoers and it was time to find out why.

It took an hour to travel in London Victoria on the train and about another 20 minutes to reach Paddington underground station, where we had a few minutes' walk to the four-star London Paddington Shaftesbury Premier hotel.



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Our pre-theatre meal was at Sticky Fingers, an American-style diner in Philimore Gardens, Kensington, owned by Rolling Stone Bill Wyman. Funky, bright and welcoming, it was a pleasant place to eat and refreshingly priced for a celebrity haunt. The excellent food presented true value for money – having ordered the ribs for £14.45, we were presented with a massive rack that made a proper meal, while the smoked chicken cobb salad at £12.95 was equally substantial.

The Lyceum Theatre is a short walk from Temple or Covent Garden tube stations and we were glad we had booked, as there were long queues outside the box office.

Anticipation was palpable in the theatre as the curtain went up, with many audience members already discussing plot and characters with fond familiarity. Recreating the much-loved figures from the mega-hit animated movie would have been enough of a challenge, without the sprawling setting of the African plains to contend with as well. But any fan of the original would not have been disappointed with this respectful, creative and colourful production.

The breath-taking opening scene features possibly the film's best-known song, the anthem *Circle of Life*, accompanied by a truly remarkable collection of creatures. Displaying awesome ingenuity with set and costume design, the award-winning production conjures up giraffes, rhinos and even a small elephant.

Wisely perhaps, the costume designers have gone for rather abstract approximations of animals for the main characters, though some actors are more encumbered than others. The young Simba, our tale's fledgling hero, wears little more than a tail to depict his lion identity in the first half.

Imaginative, thrilling and unexpectedly moving in places, the show was hugely entertaining. It never scrimped on the visual effects to convey *The Lion King*'s exotic setting and more dramatic episodes, while one enormously atmospheric scene – in which the adult Simba converses with his late father – drew audible gasps from the audience.

The film's memorable score has been expanded so the show now boasts 15 songs. Superb live music and singing perfectly evoked the African location and it was pleasing to hear lyrics that were not always sung in English.

Judging by the standing ovation from a packed house at the end of the show, *The Lion King* will continue to reign over Theatreland for a long time to come.

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- Tickets for *The Lion King* are always in high demand, particularly in summer, so book as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Prices start at £20 and bookings are currently being taken for dates up March 28, 2010. To book call 0844 844 0005 or see [www.thelionking.co.uk](http://www.thelionking.co.uk).



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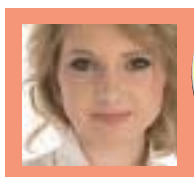
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## WOMEN seeking men

### HEY! OVER HERE!

21yr old outgoing, friendly female with a nice smile, looking for that special guy who will treat me right. Box 893721 **1**

### A VERY BUBBLY PERSON

Very shy young lady, 24, brown hair and blue eyes, seeks caring and outgoing man for good times and socialising. Box 452300 **1**

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522 **1**

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5'12, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **1**

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5'11, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **1**

### DESTINY CALLING

Hello all I'm 28, 5'15, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a love, caring male. Box 452305 **1**

### ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834 **1**

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756 **1**

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

### CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5'9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **1**

### FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5'11, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047 **1**

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **1**

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

### WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5'12, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915 **1**

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5'15, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

### PERHAPS PERHAPS

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-to-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385 **1**

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## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **1**

## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **1**

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

## FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTM fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107 **1**

## WHERE LOVE TAKES US

Attractive woman with a great personality to go with, looking to meet a fit, tall, well-built black male, 35-55, for fun times and hopefully romance. Box 450500 **1**

## A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTM a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **1**

## A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easygoing blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **1**

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5'13, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTM mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819 **1**

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5'11, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male friend and dancing, possibly romance and fun times. Box 444796 **1**

## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **1**

## COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **1**

## A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5'16, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for companionship and more. Box 880090 **1**

## PROFESSIONAL

Fun bubbly sexy black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744 **1**

## YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5'15, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? Box 446457 **1**

## GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing, theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

## HEY BOYS

Single mum with two boys, 44, likes socialising and drinking, 60s and 70s music, seeks similar man for relationship. Box 452294 **1**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **1**

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5'18, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

## LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTM a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **1**

## A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **1**

## MAID MARIAN!

Hi I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986 **1**

## NO FUSS!

Easy-going and down-to-earth 46yr old redhead, looking for male, 40-50, with an uncomplicated relationship. Box 879205 **1**

## HAPPY TIMES

46yr old brunette, 5'11, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122 **1**

## FANCY A FILM?

Hi I'm Pam, 47, 5'11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slim/ish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 **1**

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366 **1**

## BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5'4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288 **1**

## HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524 **1**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 939562 **1**

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5'14, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100 **1**

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## LOVELY BUBBLY

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Box 883410 **1**

## WHY WAIT?

Sincere female, 50, seeking clean shaven, reasonably good-looking man for a brighter future. Box 844882 **1**

## YOU DONT KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Box 883410 **1**

## COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy, cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5'17, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM loving male. Box 443642 **1**

## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading, live music, looking to meet attractive, intelligent man for friendship and possible relationship. Box 448863 **1**

## CUDDLY BUNDLE OF JOY

Loving caring homely lady, 54, honest, shy, likes gardening, long walks and more, looking for a fun-loving, passionate tactile man for nights out and more. Box 451967 **1**

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5'14, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **1**

## PISCES OR CAPRICORN?

Starsuck lady, 59, 5'13, medium build, blonde/blue, likes swimming, holidays, the sea, WLTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240 **1**

## MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

Good-humoured lady, 59, medium build, long dark hair, likes socialising, music, dancing and walking, meals in and out, WLTM similar male for love. Box 452450 **1**

## MUSIC TO MY EARS

Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 **1**

## THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited guy who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143 **1**

## ONLY LOVE

Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, GSOH, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791 **1**

## NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5'15, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 **1**

## SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5'13, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 **1**

## SO SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 **1**

## LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/active, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first. Box 443435 **1**

## Women seeking women

### ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5'19, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 **1**

### HOMELY SORT

Hello there, I'm looking for a kind, gentle partner, a homely woman, with GSOH. I'm female, 56 and enjoy cinema, reading, antiques, gardening, music. Box 451409 **1**



## MEN seeking women

### THE MARK OF A MAN

I'm a 19 year old lad from Kent with black hair and brown eyes, average size, looking to start a relationship with a young lady. Box 879575 **1**

### I JUST WANNA BE CLOSE TO YOU

Foreign guy here to sample some home delights, 30, looking for good, honest, friendly and understanding girls to make my life more wonderful. Box 879350 **1**

### HAPPY CHAPPY

Hi I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394 **1**

### LOOKING FOR YOU!

Tall, dark and handsome! I'm a 35yr old guy, 5'11 and enjoy most things in life, drinks out, quiet nights in etc. Box 452397 **1**

### EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Down-to-earth sincere and intelligent guy, 36, looking for mature lady for friendship and possible relationship. Box 451231 **1**

### CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 **1**

### GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5'16, non-smoker, VGSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquarian. Seeking similar loving lady. Box 879755 **1**

### EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6'13, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTM a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 **1**

### THE BUZZ

Happy easygoing man, 37, 6'14, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 **1**

### LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 424345 **1**

### YOUR TIME IS COMING

Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have a little girl, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH, looking for a fun lady, under 40. Box 429375 **1**

### LOOKING FOR A BIKER LADY!

Interests: music, bikes, cars, travel, cosy nights in. I'm male, 38, kind, genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 5'9, slim build, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTM genuine, biker lady. Box 451302 **1**

### HOP ON!

Hi I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 **1**

### THE NICEST MAN YOU'LL MEET

Hi, I'm Kevin, 38, mousey blond hair, blue eyes, lots of fun, genuine, seeking that special outgoing female, caring, for genuine loving relationship. Box 451097 **1**

### FINGERS CROSSED

University student, 39, 5'10, black hair, laid-back and stocky/cuddly, down-to-earth, looking for someone special to spend some time with and hopefully discover my soulmate. Box 879254 **1**

### TAKE A CHANCE

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Student digs are a 'good bet during the credit crunch'

RESEARCH has found that student accommodation is still attracting investors.

Estate agents Savills discovered rental growth and high occupancy rates continued to attract investors into the digs sector, though the 'limited availability of appropriate investment vehicles risks frustrating attempts by individual investors to benefit from the sector'.

The average rents for purpose-built student housing (PBSH) grew by five per cent between 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, with seven per cent seen in the capital.

Demand for PBSH continued, despite the economic downturn, with undergraduate applications up by 9 per cent for 2008/2009.

Savills also found that the number of new students was outpacing the new supply of accommodation by a factor of ten nationally.

Jacqui Daly, director of Savills research, said: "High demand, low supply growth, rising rents and high occupancy rates make student accommodation an investment vehicle of choice during uncertain economic times."

"An underlying supply/demand imbalance points to a robust outlook for the sector, while the strengths of the business model mean that capital values have not fallen to the same degree as other commercial or residential real estate."



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# Increase in house prices gets cautious welcome

■ BY NICK AMES

THE property market has been boosted by news that house prices have risen for the second time in three months.

Nationwide's monthly figures for May showed that house prices rose by 1.2 per cent, taking the annual decline to 11.3 per cent – a sharp improvement from 15 per cent.

The findings are the latest in a market which has become more optimistic in recent weeks, following an unprecedented gloomy start to the year.

But Nationwide warned that what it called a 'spring bounce' in prices does not necessarily signal the last of the house prices falls.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "Although the short-term trend in house prices has clearly improved from where it was at the beginning of the year, it is still too early to say that the market is turning definitively."

"During the downturn of the early 1990s, there were many months during which prices rose, only to fall back down again in subsequent periods."

"Nonetheless, the improvement in house price trends is consistent with signs of stabilisation in several other economic indicators and suggests that any further price declines may occur at a less rapid pace than in 2008."

Other evidence of an upturn in the market has been spotted by market analysts in recent days. Michael White, chief executive of online mortgage adviser Email Mortgages.com, added: "Those looking for further evidence of green shoots will point to increased first-time



GREEN SHOOTS: The second month-on-month rise in house prices can be regarded as a genuine reason for optimism

buyer activity in the market, positive noises from estate agents and the recent Rightmove average asking-price figures, which also showed an increase.

"However, the fact remains that it is very early days to be suggesting a full-blown recovery in the UK housing market."

The upward movement of house prices could be explained by a recent stabilisation of the ratio of sales to unsold stock, as published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Nationwide said.

But with unemployment still rising and credit conditions remaining tight, experts say demand is likely to remain low for some time, while supply will be constricted as sellers are reluctant to put their home on the market when prices are depressed.

If demand starts to rise while supply levels stay low, prices could begin to rise again.

"For the moment, however, it is unclear how the balance between supply and demand will ultimately work through in the coming months," Mr Gahbauer said.

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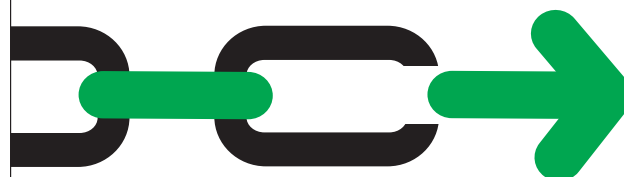
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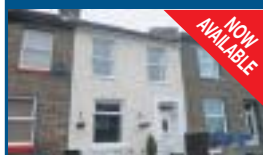
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Glass's spokesman Jason King said: "The XF has made a very impressive entry into the segment and has shaken up the established German players."



### Espace celebrating 25 years of MPV success

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### Nissan is cashing in on Qashqai functionality

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1) Ford Fiesta; 2) Ford Focus; 3) Vauxhall Corsa; 4) VW Golf; 5) Vauxhall Astra; 6) Peugeot 207; 7) Mini; 8) Ford Mondeo; 9) Nissan Qashqai; 10) Vauxhall Insignia.



**DRIVING SALES:** Toyota's new-look Avensis comes in saloon or Tourer (estate) versions with the Japanese giant's economical 'Optimal Drive' technology fitted as standard

# Optimal Avensis's rakish style shows classy touch

THERE'S no hiding place in the family car sector today.

'Mondeo Class' contenders must battle on image and style as well as value, having seen a once huge market share hunted down by 4x4s, MPVs and executive class rivals.

So Toyota's latest Avensis gained a big hike in style and quality to add to past attributes – reliability, value and practicality. Sharp, aggressive new lines show how dated the previous car had become, while the hatchback option has been dropped to leave a straight choice between classy saloon and Tourer (estate) – Toyota reckons the latter will now take half of sales.

I can't argue with that after a week with a high-spec 2.0-litre T4 (£20,410 – Tourer prices from £15,760); the car is sharp-suited yet loses little in practicality and drives better than before, helped by an extended wheelbase and track within similar overall dimensions.

It is also economical thanks to the Japanese motor giant's 'Optimal Drive' engine technology, crucial to designing the brand's tiny IQ city car, but now filtering through to larger models through low friction components, lighter and more compact design elements and enhanced

## ROAD TEST TOYOTA AVENSIS

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

combustion, bringing better emissions and economy yet delivering more power and driving enjoyment.

With tougher times here, this mix of style and money-saving technology should help keep the Avensis high in customer satisfaction surveys, though not yet threaten German executive rivals. Nevertheless, the Toyota looks and feels upmarket with the Tourer highlighting the current trend for divergence between the roof line and rearmost window frames to deliver a racy rear end with excellent headroom. The cabin is gimmick free and passes the touch test for quality, but can seem character-less – the £600 optional panoramic roof fitted to our car is a cure.

The 150bhp 2.0-litre petrol fitted is responsive and refined and a slick six-speed manual shift allows an average of around 40mpg – unheard of at this capacity only a few years ago – but a new highly-rated 145bhp 1.8-litre sister is likely to be the preferred option for this fuel and the 2.0 and 2.2-litre diesels will surely dominate sales.

The Avensis chassis is set up more for ride comfort than tight handling, but can still be caught out by poorer surfaces.



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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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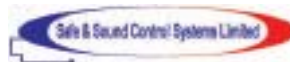
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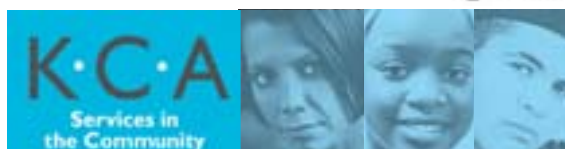
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## CRICKET

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Kent League Division One 1st XI  
The Mote 1st XI v Sandwich 1st XI

A SOLID all-round batting performance gave Sandwich Town a narrow two-wicket victory achieved on the penultimate ball at The Mote on Saturday.

Both sides gave their all in the match, which included a stunning knock from The Mote's James Hodgson, who hit an unbeaten 147 with the bat. Sandwich elected to field after winning the toss, but were soon regretting their decision despite claiming the two early wickets of Umesh Valjee and Tom Harvey.

Hodgson proved to be the thorn in Sandwich's side as he hit a relentless 147, scoring the majority of The Motes' runs, as they went on to score 261 from their allotted 50 overs. Daniel Thirkell's knock of 57 towards the end of the innings helped The Mote set a large total for Sandwich to chase.

Sandwich's reply was steady with Craig Snell (52), David Scoggins (71) and Vishaul Singh (78) all notching up half-centuries.

Gavin Lawrence (four not out) and Matthew van Poppel (four not out) held firm at the end as Sandwich crept over the line with just a ball to spare.

Sandwich move to sixth in Division One and return to action on Saturday against Canterbury.

## Batsmen pull out all the stops to beat Mote



CELEBRATIONS: Sandwich celebrate taking a wicket in an enthralling game that saw them win in the final over at The Mote

## SCOREBOARD

## The Mote

	Runs
Umesh Valjee ct Lawrence b Spanton	1
Tom Harvey b Snell	28
James Hodgson not out	147
Daniel Thirkell ct Scarr b Bradley	57
Ed De Lucy ct Singh b Bradley	11
Matthew White not out	6
Laurence Waters did not bat	
Warren Jackson did not bat	
Glen Aukett did not bat	
Kym Daley did not bat	
Alex Fordham did not bat	
Extras (3lb 8w)	11
Total (4 wickets, 50 overs)	261

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	1	71	1
Jack Bradley	14	1	77	2
Craig Snell	4	0	24	1
Matthew van Poppel	8	0	46	0
Robert Goatham	9	0	40	0

## Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Thirkell b Waters	52
David Scoggins c & b Aukett	71
Robert Goatham lbw b Waters	3
Vishaul Singh run out Harvey	78
Rhys Jones ct Valjee b Daley	10
David Scarr ct Fordham b Daley	2
James Bolt ct Valjee b Aukett	16
Gavin Lawrence not out	4
Craig Spanton ct Waters b Aukett	4
Matthew van Poppel not out	4
Jack Bradley did not bat	
Extras (8b 6lb 7w)	21
Total (8 wickets, 49.5 overs)	265

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Glen Aukett	14.5	0	84	3
Kym Daley	12	1	64	2
Laurence Waters	13	0	54	2
James Hodgson	8	0	34	0
Tom Harvey	2	0	15	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
Canterbury 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

FOLKESTONE fell to heavy ten wicket defeat at the hands of Canterbury after being bowled out for just 56.

The visitors batted first and struggled from the start with openers Luke Sage and David Miles both recording ducks after being bowled by Damian Minter.

The only batsman who provided any resistance was Daniel Clark, who top scored with 22. Canterbury's bowlers ripped through the middle order and tail to leave the home side with an easy total to reach to claim victory.

Canterbury's Matthew Jenkinson (35) and Donald Carter (21) hit the winning runs, after just 74 overs.

## Folkestone

	Runs
Luke Sage	0
David Miles	0
Daniel Clark	22
Joshua Bryen	1
Laurence Ward	1
Stewart Graham	12
Andy Bray	9
Michael James	0
Ryan Currie	5
Liam Hark	0
Ryan Hall	4
Extras	2
Total	56

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Damian Minter	10	3	32	6
Justin Macvicar	9.3	1	24	3

## Canterbury

	Runs
Matthew Jenkinson	35
Donald Carter	21
Luke Samarasinghe	1
Chris Jay	1
Simon Cusden	1
Paul Steer	1
Simon Smith	1
Justin Macvicar	1
Damian Minter	1
Tim Wren	1
Ben Cooper	1
Extras	2
Total	58

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Michael James	4	0	29	0
Andy Bray	3	0	23	0
Ryan Currie	0.4	0	5	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO  
Sibton Park 1st XI v HSBC 1st XI

TREVOR Lewis' spell with the ball helped Sibton Park set up a huge 200 run victory at home to HSBC.

Sibton batted first which proved to be the right decision, as they went on to declare on 261 for 7 after 48 overs. George Leadbetter (47), Andy Allon (50) and Martin Wren (58) scored the majority of the runs for Sibton.

HSBC never really got going with the bat in reply and were bowled out for just 61. Lewis did the damage by taking five for 38.

## Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter	47
Andy Allon	50
Jamie Keeler	6
Ben Carberry	4
Steve Hickmott	34
Martin Wren	58
Steven Rowe	27
Steve Hobbs	8
Sam Newman	6
Tim Smith	6
Trevor Lewis	6
Extras	21
Total	261

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Stuart Bate	8	1	49	0
Liam Jensen	11	0	65	2
Nicholas Wheddon	11	1	50	1
Richard Golbourn	12	3	41	2
Andrew Faulkner	3	0	19	0
Cole Glenister	3	0	27	1

## HSBC

	Runs
Michael Roberts	4
Jack Harris	12
Stuart Bate	1
Richard Slater	16
Jordan Heard	1
Andrew Faulkner	0
Richard Golbourn	8
Cole Glenister	0
Nicholas Wheddon	0
Liam Jensen	7
Sam Perks	1
Extras	12
Total	61

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Trevor Lewis	10	2	38	5
Steven Rowe	8	2	20	3
Sam Newman	1	0	2	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE  
Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v  
Farningham 1st XI

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare chased down a total of 169 to clinch a comfortable three-wicket victory.

Despite a slow start, Farningham set a competitive score of 170 to chase, with Neal Pitman staring with the bat after a knock of 64. However, the key to the match proved to be in Betteshanger's bowlers, as they quickly dismissed the tail to give them a chance of victory. Liam Collins did the most damage finishing with figures of 3 for 7.

In reply Betteshanger steadily made progress towards their target and won the game in the 37th over, with Andrew McNicholas and Martin Jones hitting the winning runs.

## Farningham

	Runs
Darren Blake	4
Dominic King	1
James Wiles	0
Neal Pittman	64
Hadleigh Wiles	22
Simon Price	19
Adrian Harris	5
Sean Bensley	8
Graham Cuthbertson	6
Martin Wood	5
John Collins	0
Extras	35
Total	169

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	10	3	30	1
Steven King	7	1	39	1
Michael McNicholas	15	5	26	2
Clive Towe	15	2	34	2
Liam Collins	2.5	0	7	3

## Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	8
Chris Carton	31
Liam Collins	37
Gareth Friend	1
Aaron Friend	0
Andrew McNicholas	29
Martin Jones	35
Michael McNicholas	0
Steve McNicholas	1
Derek Towe	1
Steven King	29
Extras	29
Total	170

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Wiles	9	0	48	1
Simon Price	11	3	34	2
John Collins	11	1	35	1
Hadleigh Wiles	4	0	23	3
Neal Pittman	2.2	0	12	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
Walmer 1st XI v Addington Village 1st XI

A CENTURY from Addington's James Tooze put the home side in the driving seat as they went on to beat Walmer by 164 runs.

Tooze's 104 helped Addington towards 248 runs from their 50 overs, leaving Walmer with a mountain to climb in order to save the game.

Only Andy Birkett offered a reply to Addington's score with a knock of 33, as the home side's bowlers ran riot. Walmer were eventually bowled out for just 84 after 30 overs. Dan Walton was the pick of the bowlers for Addington with figures of 4 for 19.

## Addington Village

	Runs
Mark Rimmer	4
James Tooze	104
Joe Pigott	31
Neil Scott	35
Duncan Brown	1
Mat Bruton	22
Ben Buet	26
James Fullagar	2
Steve Merralls	1
Ross McDermott	4
Dan Walton	1
Extras	19
Total	248

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Barry Green	8	0	24	0
Andrew Cotton	11	1	33	1
Paul Butler	3	0	23	0
Peter Huntley	14	0	88	3
Edwin Cowlishaw	14	0	70	3

## Walmer

	Runs
Joe Wilcox	0
Rod Cotton	3
Stuart Butler	4
Andy Birkett	33
Peter Morris	0
Martin Pearce	14
Andrew Cotton	10
Edwin Cowlishaw	2
Paul Butler	5
Barry Green	0
Peter Huntley	0
Extras	13
Total	84

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Mat Bruton	10	1	31	1
Dan Walton	13	3	19	4
Ross McDermott	5	0	22	2
Duncan Brown	2	0	5	3



# Recovering Hill should be ready to play

Picture: SIMON HARRIS



**READY:** Dover defender Dean Hill should be available for the start of the season after an operation on a groin injury

ANDY Hessenthaler believes Dover's Mr Consistent, Dean Hill, will be ready for the start of the new campaign despite having an operation to rectify a groin injury.

Hill had been playing through pain towards the end of last season and subsequently went under the knife last week to have surgery on his injury. With Olly Schulz suspended for the first three games of the season, Hill will be required in the Dover defence.

Hessenthaler said: "Dean has been playing with the injury for around six to eight weeks which shows the class of the player. I am pretty confident he will be ready to play the opening game of the season."

After missing out on signing former Gillingham defender Chris Hope,

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Hessenthaler continued talks with a transfer target last week. One player linked with a possible move to Dover is former White defender Jake Leberl, who has been released by Blue Square Premier side AFC Wimbledon.

Hessenthaler is on the lookout for a midfielder and striker to add to his squad for next season.

The Dover manager has requested a personal hearing after he was charged with improper conduct during the club's last game of the season against Tonbridge Angels.

The Whites boss had been sent to the stands.

## FOOTBALL



Picture: GOR KUPCO

**STALEMATE:** Folkestone boss Neil Cugley is hoping that his club's financial issues will be resolved soon

## Cugley's hands tied due to Invicta finance woes

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley admits he is stuck in "a bit of a stalemate situation" at the moment.

Although most of his squad from last season have re-signed, Cugley is unable to make much progress in his attempt to bring in two or three new players because of the continuing uncertainty over Invicta's financial position.

"It's a bit of an awkward situation because until I can sit down and have a chat with the board, I don't know what I can offer the players who I am after, so we are in a bit of a stalemate at the moment."

"But otherwise everything has been done, the friendlies have been sorted out, the pitch is being done. It seems a bit strange that it's so quiet at a period of the year which is normally very busy, but we are trying to get our house in order so that we will come out of this tough period stronger."

Folkestone begin training on Thursday, July 2, and Cugley will take the opportunity during pre-season to have a look at one or two local players, about whom he has received positive recommendations.

# Takaloo signing could get target ball rolling

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DEAL Town manager Derek Hares believes the signing of Mo Takaloo will encourage some of his other targets to come and ply their trade at the Charles Ground next season.

Takaloo, the 29-year-old former Maidstone United and Ramsgate striker who has twice won the Kent League Golden Boot award for top-scorer, has promised Hares he will sign for Deal when he returns from holiday.

And Hares, who is reshaping his squad after a disappointing 12th-place finish in the Kent League Premier Division last season, said: "When you sign someone like Mo Takaloo, it can often have a snowball effect because other players start thinking 'Hey, something must be happening at Deal if Mo Takaloo is going there' and so they are more willing to sign for you."

Takaloo finished last season at Hythe

after being released by Ramsgate at Christmas and, according to Hares, is looking to make a fresh start at Deal.

"Mo has had offers from other clubs," he said, "but I think he's got to the stage in his career where he doesn't want to do so much travelling, especially for training."

"He lives in Ramsgate, so coming over here isn't that far, and he's also mates with some of our Thanet-based players."

"Mo was impressed with our football when we beat Hythe 1-0 here [last season] and I think he just wants to start enjoying his football again – if we give Mo some decent service then he will score 25 goals for us next season."

Hares is confident that Ramsgate's Jake Eastwood, who can play in defence or midfield, will agree to join Takaloo at the Charles Ground and the Deal manager says he is also "close" to signing another midfielder player.

But Hares is resigned to losing striker Stuart Vahid, who looks set to sign for Whitstable.

Deal will begin pre-season training on Thursday, July 2, and their first friendly is at home on Sunday, July 12, against Suffolk side Needham Market, who reached the quarter-finals of the FA Vase last season.



Picture: GOR KUPCO


**NEW SIGNING:** Mo Takaloo (pictured) has joined Deal Town to help Derek Hares's side rise up the Kent League table next season

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